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SATURDAY

Cloudy with rain

High 52

Low 40



SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy

High 51

Low 35

Weather courtesy of 7th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

317th Airlift Group Goal As of Jan. 14



Departure
Reliability
Goal

Current
Departure
Reliability

78% 60.9%

317th Airlift Group earns OUA

By Airman James Kang

Dyess Public Affairs

In October of last year a 12-ship formation of C-130s appeared out of the eastern sky and dropped in low over Abilene before touching down at Dyess in front of a cheering crowd.

After nearly two years of almost continuous deployments, the 317th Airlift Group was finally reunited as one entity.

During their time away, the 317th accomplished many feats including leading a 12-ship package of aircraft that executed the first combat personnel airdrop into Afghanistan, as well as acting as the lifeline dropping supplies to supporting thousands of troops directly engaged in combat.

They were recognized for these accomplishments Jan. 7 when Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche awarded them the 2003 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for their accomplishments from



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Staff Sgt. Russell Bledsoe, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flying crew chief, performs a dry-bay fuel leak inspection.

July 2002 to June 2003.

This is the fifth time in a row the group has received the award, established in 1954 by the secretary of the Air Force and presented for outstanding accomplishments that distinguish a unit above other similar units.

"It represents the best of what the Air Force has to offer," said Col.

Richard Johnston, 317th Airlift Group commander. "There are numerous organizations in the Air Force that deserve this award. We were just fortunate enough to win it."

Colonel Johnston praised the unit for their "unselfish dedication."

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Six days to Air Combat Command ORI

By Airman 1st Class

Kiley Olds

Dyess Public Affairs

A team from the Air Combat Command Inspector General's office arrives at Dyess Wednesday to conduct an Operational Readiness Inspection through Jan. 26.

The inspection gives the team a chance to evaluate Dyess' ability to generate aircraft and test its mobility process.

"This ORI is like our physical training test," said Maj. David Fairchild, 7th Bomb Wing plans and programs officer. "All the

operational readiness exercises leading up to this were 'fun runs' to prepare us for the inspection."

A few days prior to their arrival, a Prepare to Deploy Order kicks off the inspection. At that time, Dyess troops will begin getting equipment, personnel and aircraft ready to deploy, Major Fairchild said. The wing will then conduct a personnel recall.

"Months of hard work and practice exercises have prepared us to meet the task," the major added. "If we perform the way we're capable of, the ORI will be a huge success for Team Dyess."

During the inspection, people are reminded:

- During the base-wide recall, it is imperative that units be able to contact or account for personnel in a timely manner. People leaving the local area, whether or not they are tasked to participate in the ORI, should ensure their supervisor knows how to contact them.

- Carry or have available a current unit recall roster.

- Show a sense of urgency and a positive attitude while preparing for the pending deployment.

- Maintain proper oper-

ational, communication and computer security at all times. Know the current force protection condition, and know why, in general, the FPCON changed. If people have questions, they should contact their unit control center for implementation procedures during any FPCON.

- Carry the 7 BW Phase I Information Sheet when on duty and refer to it if questioned by a member of the ACC IG team. Contact your unit to obtain this information sheet.

For more information about the ORI, contact Major Fairchild at 696-1606.

PUMA'S VECTOR



The Air Force Chief of Staff visit last week was the example to use in all future distinguished guest visits.

From the planning to the arrival greeted by our honor guard, to the capabilities briefing and B-1 formation flight, to the shop tours at the vehicle yard and parts store, to the C-130 tour, to the airman's call, to the civic dinner, to the 5K run, to the Sunday reception -- the visit went as good as a visit can go.

Remember how we did this one!

"Great visit to Dyess...perfect B-1 demo of missions... good look at Block-E...good morale.... impressive..." were just some of the words Gen. Jumper used to describe his visit.

We have a different visit next week, but it's every bit as important as the CSAF visit -- it's the Operational Readiness Inspection. Take these last few days to make sure we're ready to shine.

Our 5K run was a big success. We'll do lots more them. For this past Friday's run it was clear that lots of folks were enthusiastic -- but none more so than the 7th Security Forces Squadron -- they get the 'Spirit Award.'

January 19 is Martin Luther King Jr., Day -- please make sure to take time to build on his great legacy. Next time you're in the bomb wing headquarters building you can read his moving "I Have a Dream" speech.

Let's finish with six days until we get a chance to get a chance to show the inspector general our professionalism.

Peacemaker corrections

In the Jan. 8 issue of the *Peacemaker*, Col. Jack Wylie's name was left off of the Career Flight Leaders list. Colonel Wylie is the 7th Bomb Wing inspector general.

To date, Colonel Wylie has flown a total of 4,411 flying hours. This makes Col. Wylie the third highest ranking flying hours leader at Dyess.

In the Jan. 8 issue of the *Peacemaker*, Maj. Jim Adamski, was misidentified in his mentorship article as Lt. Col. Jim Adamski, 7th Bomb Wing public affairs.

Major Adamski is a lieutenant colonel selectee and the 7th Bomb Wing director of staff.

In the Jan. 8 issue of the *Peacemaker*, the promotions list on page 5 was printed in error.

The published promotions list was actually the list of reenlistees for the previous month. The current January promotions list can be found on page 4 of this week's *Peacemaker*.

To report an error, call Senior Airman Matthew Rosine, *Peacemaker* editor, at 696-4375.

This week in AF History



Jan. 16 -- The first photo reconnaissance flight was unable to locate troops from the air in 1911.

Jan. 17 -- Strikes by B-52Gs and F-117As open the Gulf War in 1991.

Jan. 18 -- The Wright Brothers open negotiations with the U.S. government for procurement of one airplane in 1905.

Jan. 19 -- Three two-pound sandbags are dropped in the

first simulated bomb drop experiment in 1910.

Jan. 20 -- The Air Service's 1st Army Corps Headquarters is organized at Neufchateau, France in 1918.

Jan. 21 -- The Army made the first radio-telephonic transmission from an aircraft in 1911.

Jan. 22 -- A 1959 USAF study of UFOs reveals fewer than 1 percent could be classified as unknown.



Action Line

The Action Line provides a direct line of communication between Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and the people of Dyess.

As a general rule, people should use their chain of command or contact the agency involved first, however, if you are not satisfied, call 6-3355 or e-mail action@dyess.af.mil and leave your message.

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AF Chief of staff speaks to Dyess

**By Senior Airman
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs**

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper visited Dyess Jan. 8 and Sunday.

"It is a great honor to have a national leader of his stature to personally see our weapon systems and, more importantly, have the chance to talk with our great troops," said Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander. "We have received a huge amount of positive feedback already from the Air Staff based on General Jumper's comments upon returning back to the Pentagon."

Upon his arrival, General Jumper immediately began getting a good look at Dyess with a visit to the combined 9th and 13th Bomb Squadron headquarters.

There, he was able to see where much of the "rubber meets the road" concerning the B-1. The general then literally got into the driver's seat of the B-1 during a mission flight later that day.

Following his flight, General Jumper expressed



Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, congratulates newly-promoted Master Sgt. Nicholas Nieves, after the general promoted Master Sgt. Nieves, Tech. Sgt. Kevin Carter and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Bush through the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program Jan. 8 in the 3-bay Hangar.

Airman Shawn Baldauf

his satisfaction with the performance and capabilities of the B-1 and its importance in the future of Air Force operations.

"I think we have invested heavily in the future (with the B-1)," General Jumper said. "When we went from 90 B-1s down to 63, we did

it so that we would have truly combat-capable B-1s in our inventory. Now, we have 63 that are. The reason I was here to fly the B-1 this time was to see for myself the upgrades that have taken place in the airplane -- and they are absolutely marvelous."

General Jumper also emphasized the B-1's effectiveness throughout combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"If you were able to see some of the work the B-1 did in time-critical targeting during the Iraqi conflict, during the dust storm when everybody thought there was a big operational pause, our bombers were up there bombing the heck out of the Medina division," General Jumper said. "(The aircraft) has a big future, nobody argues with that, and everybody should be very proud of what we have here."

He also stressed the importance of the C-130 in current and future Air Force operational activity.

"As C-130s go, (Dyess' C-130s) are pretty well equipped as you can tell by the taskings they have had," General Jumper said. "These guys are working hard and doing the nation proud."

During the general's

visit, he made sure to spend plenty of time with the troops.

During an Airman's Call Jan. 8, General Jumper spoke to the base about a variety of issues such as the Base Realignment and Closure program, the Airborne Laser weapon system, the new blue utility uniform and Air Force educational programs, as well as answering questions from the audience.

The general also stated the current Air Force operational tempo would probably remain high for some time.

"(Everyone) sees the same world I do, and there is nothing about it that tells me (our operational tempo) is going to slow down," General Jumper said. "We have these guys out there in the form of Osama bin Laden and his friends and they want us all dead. They want us dead because we are who we are -- because we vote, because we have our own opinions, because we don't do things the way they would... and there are not too many ways to deal with people like that. You can't negotiate with them. There is no middle ground and no ground for compromise. So the people of this nation look to us in uniform to hunt these guys down and make sure that they don't kill any more of our citizens."

"They killed 3,000 of our citizens on September the 11th, and if they could have killed 30,000 or 300,000 or 3 million they would have done that just as easily without a second thought," the general added. "If these guys get worse or try to do us more harm, then I see us doing whatever it takes to stop them."



Airman Shawn Baldauf

General Jumper speaks to Dyess aircrews about operational flying. The general flew the B-1 during his visit to Dyess.

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113 Dyess airmen add a stripe in January

By Airman James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs

One-hundred and thirteen Dyess airmen add a stripe to their sleeves in January. They are:

To chief master sergeant:
Clement McGrath Jr., 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Russell Pickrel Jr., 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

To master sergeant:
Kenneth Gibson, 7th Munitions Squadron
Robert Hall, 7th Security Forces Squadron
Joel Livingston, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

To technical sergeant:
Ronald Gantt Jr., 317th AMXS
Roman Gonzalez Jr., 7th AMXS
Glenn Jones, 7th EMS
Leroy Rose, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Christopher Sekula, 7th Medical Support Squadron
Robin Staples, 7th AMXS

To staff sergeant:
Lee Adams, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron
Arthur Bloomingdale, 7th SFS
Christopher Carter, 7th AMXS
Christopher Carver, 317th AMXS
Joey Gilchrist, 7th SFS
John Horvath, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron

Robert Mott III, 7th AMXS
Jason Posey, 7th CMS
Joe Rodriguez, 7th EMS
Ryan Rubio, 7th AMXS

To senior airman:
Anne Andrews, 7th CMS
Tamara Barrett, 7th LRS
Richard Boyd, 7th EMS
Corey Boyer, 317th AMXS
Justin Brooks, 7th AMXS
Joshua Brown, 7th AMXS
John Buschmann, 7th AMXS
Lucas Canen, 7th AMXS
Andrew Carter, 7th AMXS
Christopher Coleman, 7th LRS
Aaron Cook, 7th LRS
Jason Crane, 7th AMXS
Anthony Dickerson, 39th Airlift Squadron
Michael Doss, 7th AMXS
James Dove, 7th Communications Squadron
Geejay Feliciano, 7th AMXS
Adam Ficca, 7th AMXS
James Greene, 7th AMXS
Wesley Hans, 7th AMXS
Amanda Hernandez, 317th AMXS
Veronica Hernandez, 7th CES
Seab Herron, 7th SFS
Brent Hollar, 7th LRS
Nicholas Hyman, 7th AMXS
William Indalecio, 7th Operations Support Squadron
Devin Jacobs, 7th EMS
Ryan Johnston, 40th Airlift Squadron
Robert Jones, 7th AMXS
Miranda Lazirko, 7th Mission

Support Squadron
Jose Lopez, 7th Contracting Squadron
Garrett McCullough, 7th AMXS
Derik Neier, 11th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
Kenneth Olson, 39th AS
Andy Owens, 7th CS
Jordan Perks, 7th CS
Geoffrey Perron, 7th CS
Christopher Pierce, 28th Bomb Squadron
Melissa Potts, 317th Maintenance Squadron
Robert Quinones, 7th AMXS
Nicolas Rakevich, 7th CES
Josiah Rawlings, 317th AMXS
Patrick Reagan, 39th AS
Aaron Reich, 7th AMXS
Matthew Robbins, 317th AMXS
Jamison Royal, 7th CMS
Brian Roszkowski, 7th AMXS
Banipal Seperghan, 7th AMXS
Granville Smith, 7th AMXS
Isaac Solano, 7th LRS
Melissa Streeter, 7th EMS
Dede Tumulty, 7th LRS
Robert Walstead, 7th AMXS
Shane Williams, 11th Air Support Operations Squadron
Steve Young, 7th AMXS

To airman first class:
Brandon Allen, 7th LRS
John Beal, 39th AS
Melissa Black, 7th ADOS
Amber Boyles, 7th LRS
Billy Brantley Jr., 7th CES
Barrett Broche, 7th MUNS
Grant Burgess, 7th CS

Amanda Castleberry, 7th LRS
Matthew Crowley, 7th Services Squadron
Justin Duffy, 7th CES
Jessica Duncan, 7th OSS
Patrick Gooden, 7th LRS
Angela Hall, 7th LRS
Christopher Harward, 7th CES
Kenneth Humphrey, 7th LRS
Eberson JeanMary, 7th CES
Jennifer Jessop, 7th LRS
Charles Kuder, 317th AMXS
Aaron Kulongowski, 7th AMXS
Roberto Lopez Jr., 7th MDSS
Brandon Lucatero, 7th AMXS
Jacklyn Martinez, 7th MUNS
Zackary Pickeral, 7th MUNS
Brackett Pollard, 7th LRS
Jayne Reyes Colon, 7th LRS
Justin Varrato, 317th AMXS
Stanford Ware, 7th LRS
Jason Winkler, 317th AMXS

To airman:
Taward Anwar, 7th LRS
Christopher Blackwell, 7th AMXS
Shirramie Green, 7th CMS
Brandy Harris, 7th LRS
Mycah Hinson, 7th EMS
Steven Lazarowitz, 7th AMXS
Xavier McGarrell, 7th AMXS
Jesse Overturf, 7th AMXS
Veda Porsche, 7th LRS
Marie Schleif, 7th CS



Airman Shawn Baldauf

The Chief addresses Dyess airmen during a "fireside chat" at The Heritage Club Sunday.

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The general also held a "fireside chat" at The Heritage Club Sunday. At this event, he spent much of his time getting to know Dyess troops on a one-on-one basis and letting troops see him in a more personal light. He also shared a portion of his personal experience of visiting the World Trade Center site following its destruction, and being inside the Pentagon as it was being struck by a terrorist attack.

General Jumper then took the floor to provide some personal mentorship to those in attendance.

"One young man asked me tonight, 'Sir, do you have any advice on being successful?'" General Jumper said. "I said, 'Yes, Absolutely. I can tell you exactly how to be a success. You do the job you're doing now better than it has ever been done before and the next job will take care of itself. You don't worry about it -- you let somebody else worry about it. If I had to guess what my next job was going to be at anytime in my

career, I would have gotten it wrong every single time.

"If you can do that," the general added. "Then one of these days you are going to get a phone call from the president of the United States and he is going to say 'I need you to do me a favor. I need you to be the chief of staff of the Air Force. That's what happened to me.'"

While General Jumper's visit only lasted a few days, he readily expressed how significant this visit to Dyess, Abilene and the Big Country was to him.

"It is a real pleasure to

come back to Abilene to visit Dyess, to reacquaint myself with the people here who are world famous for their hospitality and the superb way they take care of the (airmen) out here," General Jumper said.

"The obvious importance of the B-1 wing here and the C-130 unit here to the ongoing crisis is evident to everyone," the general said. "Both units have done an outstanding job. I know that everyone in this community is extremely proud. I'm very proud of them and I know the community is too."

Air Force committing 2,000 airmen to war

WASHINGTON -- Airmen vulnerable to deploy as part of the Silver Air and Space Expeditionary Force but not originally asked to go, could end up going after all.

In a message sent to the major commands in late December, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper said continuing efforts in the war on terrorism have created a need for additional support in some areas. The Air Force, he said, would be providing some of the support to fill that need.

"Ongoing warfighter requirements compel the Air Force to continue surge operations in some functional areas to ensure national military objectives are met," General Jumper said. "The secretary of defense has tasked us to find innovative solutions to this national challenge. Major commands and wings are encouraged to dig deep into their resources and develop risk mitigation plans to make these forces available."

One of the possible solutions involves the use of "joint sourcing"

to fill needed positions. That means all the services will work together to meet the requirements. The effort will touch many across the Air Force, said Col. Michael Scott, chief of War Plans Organization.

"This of course affects the entire Air Force to a certain degree, but more so in the agile combat support arena," Colonel Scott said. "By that I mean our engineers, firefighters, air traffic control, security forces, medical, communications and transportation folks."

Nearly 2,000 airmen in those support areas will be called upon to help the Air Force meet the joint sourcing challenge, the colonel said.

Most of the 2,000 airmen will come out of already scheduled AEFs and should already know they are in or approaching their deployment eligibility window, said Col. Buck Jones, deputy director for air and space expeditionary force matters.

"Once you get down to the individual level, they may not know they are going to fill one of these requirements, but they do know

they are part of the Silver AEF and are still susceptible. They may also come from AEF 7/8 or AEF 9/10," Colonel Jones said.

Many troops could expect to be deployed for about 90 days, but some, in stressed fields, could expect a 179-day rotation, Colonel Jones said.

Despite the continued surge in operations, Colonel Jones said most of the Air Force could expect a return to the AEF battle rhythm by March.

"We still will deploy AEF 7/8 very close to on-schedule," Colonel Jones said. "The vast majority of the Air Force is returning to the AEF battle rhythm starting with AEF 7/8 in March."

The Air Force battle rhythm refers to the scheduled rotation of the 10 AEFs over the course of a 15-month cycle. The AEF schedule is projected out until 2010 and is designed to provide stability and predictability to airmen supporting Air Force commitments worldwide.

While there may be a predicted

return to the AEF battle rhythm, Colonel Jones said things may never be the same as they were before operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

"Since the AEF was first established, world events have not stayed static," Colonel Jones said. "I'm not sure anybody envisions us returning to an old steady-state Operation Northern Watch -- Operation Southern Watch type of situation around the world. The requirements are going to be fluid and dynamic."

Fortunately, the Air Force has a tool for handling unpredictable requirements -- the AEF, Colonel Jones said.

"Over the next few months, the Air Force will deliver on its promise to help meet the joint sourcing requirements for operations in Southwest Asia," Colonel Jones said. "It is the AEF, doing what it is designed to do, that makes that possible. Once again, the AEF is demonstrating its inherent ability to flex and to adapt."

TEAM DYESS

Warrior of the Week


Airman David Summers

Unit: 7th Medical Support Squadron
Job description: Pharmacy technician
Time in the Air Force: One year
Time at Dyess: Six months
Hometown: Goose Creek, S.C.
Job impact on the mission: I am the last essential link in our medical chain to help keep our Air Force healthy.
Career goal: Attend the Air Force Academy, go to Japan and play for the Air Force softball team.
Most rewarding job aspect: The satisfaction of knowing my work helps hundreds of people a day.
Favorite thing about Dyess: How well the base and the community of Abilene work together.
Favorite thing about the Air Force: They are my family away from home.

***Editor’s note:** The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors on a rotating squadron basis.*



Airman Aaron Walker




SUSPICIOUS MAIL?

Be Cautious!

- Stay with package, have someone else evacuate building
- Evacuate building upwind of package
- If you're contaminated stay 100+ feet away from others
- Don't approach rescue personnel, await instructions
- All involved, do not leave, wait for authorities

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HEART ATTACK & STROKE

Read the signs. Raise a flag.

American Heart Association



Leadership:

Ready for the challenge at every level

By Lt. Col. D.B. Chandler
40th Airlift Squadron

Leadership is critical to the success of any organization. Military success has hinged on dynamic leaders throughout history. Military leaders have overcome superior numbers, superior firepower, adverse weather, technology deficits, disease, and many other factors to succeed. They have led warriors to victory; leaders motivate followers to overcome -- to succeed.

Today, our Air Force faces challenges that just two and a half years ago could not have been imagined.

The global war on terrorism changed many aspects of our lives. The Air Force has been, and is currently, deployed throughout the world. We face challenges not only in how to fight the global war on terrorism but also how to train for and support the fight.

These daunting challenges are many. The challenges involve everything from employment tactics, to training our new airmen. They impact every member of our force -- aircrew to supply, security forces to medical corps, maintenance to civil engineers and services.

Each and every member of Team Dyess faces new challenges.

How do we overcome and ensure victory? One word is the key -- leadership.

That may seem an over simplification, but leadership is the key to every other action.

By leaders, I do not mean just commanders or senior leaders (both officer and NCO). Leaders are found throughout the Air Force in every discipline. The heart of a successful organization is having leaders proactively engaged in taking the necessary actions to accomplish the mission at every level. In the Air Force, that means airmen taking the extra step to find a way to ensure success.

"Everyday I witness leadership from not only the senior leadership (officers and NCOs), but also from young troops -- Men and women who are determined to accomplish the mission. They find a way to succeed."

Lt. Col. D.B. Chandler
40th Airlift Squadron

Every day, I witness leadership from not only the senior leadership, but also from younger troops. Men and women who are determined to accomplish the mission. They find a way to succeed. Whether battling the elements during an engine change or reviewing installation security, airmen are raising the bar to a new level.

I have seen young airmen take charge of a congested cargo ramp in an austere airfield in Afghanistan resulting in safe and timely delivery to the war fighter. I have seen maintainers set amazing launch reliability rates on airplanes flying twice the normal peacetime flying rate. I have seen finance specialists find ways to pay vouchers for deployed individuals in record time.

The stories could continue without end, but they all spell success. They tell the story of a force with a mission.

We will win the global war on terrorism as a team. I am amazed every day by the motivation and ingenuity of these professional airmen. It is up to every airman to step up to the leadership challenge.

You make a difference every day. Be ready when your time to lead arrives. It may not come with a headline, rather a simple opportunity. Leadership is the key to success -- we are all leaders and success depends on each of us.



SEATBELTS SAVE LIVES!

Mentoring: Do you 'care'?

People, the mission and organization depend on it

**By Lt. Col.
Steven Hiss**
436th Training
Squadron
Commander



Did you catch the word in two previous articles on mentoring?

Colonel Beene, 7th Operations Group commander, in referring to one of his mentors, said, "he cared about young people." Colonel Foote, 7th Mission Support Group commander said, "the ones who make a difference are those who care to take the time to make a difference."

For me, mentoring boils down to that one word -- care. There's no way around it. To be an effective mentor, one that people respect

and listen to, you have to care.

You have to care about the organization and, more importantly, you have to care about the people. Good mentors want people to reach their full potential so the organization can accomplish its mission.

For those of us in the military, caring about the organization takes on special meaning. We need our organization to succeed, to be better than any other air force in the world -- that's our contract with the American people.

All too often, people misunderstand what it takes to mentor someone.

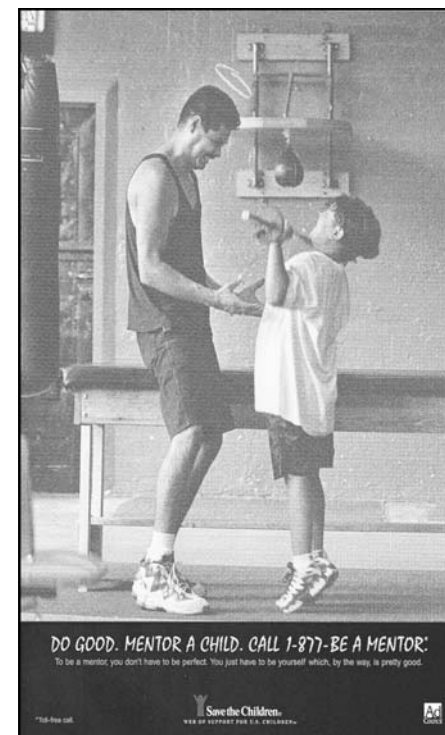
It doesn't require a life-long commitment.

Certainly some mentor/protégé relationships last for many years, but a simple 15-minute conversa-

tion can make a difference. If someone knows you care about them and their unique situation, they'll listen to your advice.

Don't sit around and wait for folks to come calling, either. Ask anyone who's known me for even a few months and they'll tell you I'm constantly mentoring -- about professionalism, officership, airmanship, financial planning, etc. We all have knowledge and experiences to pass on and there are more people than you know who could benefit from your mentoring.

January is National Mentoring Month. I encourage you to take an interest in someone and show you care. Help them realize their goals and ambitions, whatever those may be. They'll be better off because of your efforts, and so will our Air Force.



AWARD

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He also cited team efficiency as another reason the award keeps finding its way to the 317th.

“This award goes to the men and women going out on the flightline at two in the morning trying to prepare an airplane for the next mission,” Colonel Johnston said. “It also belongs to the crewmembers flying in harsh, dangerous situations in Afghanistan and Iraq, delivering crucial cargo to other service members, and of course it belongs to all the support functions both deployed and at Dyess performing the work of two or three people and of course, it belongs to all the support functions both deployed and at Dyess performing the work of two or three people.”

During the first combat personnel airdrop into Afghanistan, the 317th led an operational support package of C-130s, MC-130s, EP-3s, AV-8Bs and Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft. They also successfully moved six of their aircraft and hundreds of support peo-



courtesy photo

Dyess C-130 crewmembers unload cargo off a plane after a mission. In 2003 the 317th AG transported more than 35,000 troops and 32,000 tons of cargo to various locations, assisting warfighters. The 317th's accomplishments were recognized with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

ple more than 1,500 miles from one operation to another when they were re-tasked to support combat in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

They transported over 35,000 troops and 32,000 tons of cargo to various locations to directly support warfighters and earned an “Outstanding” rating during an evaluation inspection by Air Mobility Command.

Preceding their OUA, several individuals in the 317th also earned awards and decorations for

accomplishments in 2003 including the Air Force Logistics Plans Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Crew Chief of the Year, as well as more than 1,000 Air Medals and Aerial Achievement Medals.

“Those medals and awards don’t mean as much as the pride I see in each member of the 317th, day in and day out,” Colonel Johnston said.

Senior Airman Michael Youngblood, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, agreed. The

men and women of 317th insist their success is found in a job well done, he said.

“The only difference between this year’s Outstanding Unit Award and the previous four are some of the people and mission objectives,” Airman Youngblood said. “We are always able to accomplish the tasks at hand. This award serves as a testament to the 317th Airlift Group’s outstanding performance and dedication to meet each new challenge full force.”

Voluntary NCO retraining begins

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- The Air Force needs 1,100 noncommissioned officers in surplus career fields to voluntarily retrain into shortage career fields to balance the enlisted force in 2004.

The voluntary phase of the fiscal 2004 NCO Retraining Program began Jan. 5 and ends Feb. 23. The program helps balance the enlisted force by moving staff, technical and master sergeants from specialties with surpluses to specialties with shortages.

Imbalances in the mid-level NCO grades among specialties occur as a result of personnel force structure changes, differing retention trends among specialties and the equality of promotions.

If needed, personnel officials will resort to an involuntary retraining phase March 8 through April 26.

"While every effort is made to attract volunteers, some NCOs

may be selected for involuntary retraining if the number of volunteers falls short," said Lt. Col. Kim Haney, chief of the Air Force skills requirements branch at the Pentagon. "The enlisted force is not perfectly balanced so we have to take some action to get as close as possible."

The Air Force's fiscal 2003 retraining program was the first action taken in five years, Colonel Haney said. Some NCOs did not act upon the opportunities presented to them and as a result were involuntarily retrained.

"It's really in the best interest for those identified for retraining to take action and investigate the possibilities," Colonel Haney said.

Tech. Sgt. Derek Hughes, NCO in charge of Air Force enlisted retraining at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, said he believes more people identified for retraining in 2004 will consider their options and seek out opportunities.

"I'm guessing that we'll be more successful in the voluntary portion this year because people learned last year that the Air Force was serious about the program," Sergeant Hughes said. "People who were vulnerable, who didn't make their own choice, had it made for them."

"Last year, we identified people for retraining by name and we're doing that again," he added.

A Web page shows them how vulnerable they are and where they stand on a list of their peers by Air Force Specialty Code and grade. The Web page is available at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enl-skills/retraining/retraining/htm. Users must log onto their virtual MPF account to view the data.

The voluntary phase is not limited to individuals identified on the list.

Anyone matching the specialty code and grade, who is otherwise eligible, can apply for retraining during the voluntary phase.

"Last year, there weren't enough volunteers in Phase 1, so we did an involuntary phase," Sergeant Hughes said. "And even after that, 200 people still didn't submit applications, so we had to pick jobs for them. They chose not to decide and were not necessarily happy with the results. We'd rather tell them how to be proactive, how to find something that would interest them."

A complete list of retraining-in opportunities is available on the retraining advisory at local military personnel flights. Vulnerability listings for retraining-out by grade and specialty code will be updated on a weekly basis.

The MPF also provides real-time updates for applications and actual program status numbers.

**For more information,
call MPF customer
service at 6-5742**

Air Force crossword

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1. Accountant (abbrev.) 3. Air Force cops (abbrev.) 6. Canal 8. Negative 9. ___-doo; witchcraft 10. Explosive 12. Recent operation to remove Hussein regime 14. Mon. 15. Ticket 16. Tribute 18. 34th president informally 19. Lies 20. Military pay statement (abbrev.) 21. Bullfight cry 22. 1991 Operation Desert ____; Protect Saudi Arabia 24. Compass direction 25. Eras 27. Outsider 31. Greek god of love 32. Dribble 33. Fuel 34. Operation Rolling ____, US bombing campaign in Vietnam 36. Acronym for finding lost boats, planes 38. Egyptian nature goddess 39. Abbreviation on a business sign 40. Army bed 41. Military identification number (abbrev.) 42. Dine 43. Stage paintings 46. Mistake 47. Animal without feet 48. D-Day operational deception plan for Patton 49. Acronym for a controlling naval ship 50. Type of cheese

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1. Aztec conqueror 2. School org. 3. Treaty governing US forces overseas 4. Operation Joint ____; Bosnia peacekeeping 5. Current operation for global war on terrorism 7. Mess hall items 8. 1973 Operation to support Israel during war with Arabs 9. 1948 Operation to sustain Berlin during blockade 10. Golf support 11. Hydrocarbon used to make dyes 13. Exotic car manufacturer 14. Car necessity 17. Diploma equiv. 22. Endure 23. Beginning of American naval ships 25. Type of Navy cruiser 26. Red dye 28. Rely on 29. Undersized 30. Someone who dies for a cause 35. Card game 36. Smells 37. Military commander's geographic control (abbrev.) 42. Actress Julia's brother 43. Raced 44. 'La ___ Nostra'; mafia 45. Arizona school (abbrev.) 46. Continuing on (abbrev.) 47. Juice drink

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1st Lt. Tony Wickman

Rumsfeld: End-strength increase unlikely

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

Despite what he called a “spike” in the operational tempo in Iraq, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said he hopes stress from increased operations will not lead to increased troop strength in the country.

“We hope and believe that the current stress that is being put on the force is a spike... a temporary increase, rather than what would prove to be a plateau,” he told reporters during a Pentagon briefing. “Very simply, we do not expect to have 100,000 (or) 120,000 troops in a single country permanently deployed.”

For troops under the stress of increased military operations, he said, the Defense Department is taking immediate actions to fix the problem -- from training more Iraqi security forces which now number close to 200,000 to increasing international military participation.

The secretary said justification for not increasing the military’s end strength is not that the United States can’t afford more troops. “Of course we can,” he said. “The United States is perfectly capable of

paying for additional forces if we decide that that’s desirable. The question is whether, in the information age, measuring end strength is the only, or even the best, way to look at the problem and whether permanently raising end strength would or would not be the best solution.”

He said the 21st century requires a focus on quality, not quantity. “What is critical to success in combat is not necessarily mass, as much as capability,” he said, noting that coalition forces in Iraq defeated a large enemy not with mass, “but, with overmatching speed, power and agility.”

The secretary also emphasized that a permanent increase in end strength would require cuts elsewhere in the defense budget, “crowding out funding for various types of transformational capabilities.” Still, Rumsfeld told reporters, he will do whatever “makes the most sense.”

“To the extent it involves an increase in end strength we will propose it to the president,” he said. However, he added that he is comfortable “at the moment” with the actions DoD is taking.

7th AMXS spotlight

The 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Annual award winners for 2003 are:

Airman of the Year: Airman 1st Class Teal Kolakowski

NCO of the Year: Tech. Sgt. Richard Diamond

Senior NCO of the Year: Senior Master Sgt. Jackie Powell

CGO of the Year: 1st Lt. Ryan Ross

The 4th quarter winners are:

Airman of the Quarter: Senior Airman Michael Bilharz

NCO of the Quarter: Tech. Sgt. Jaime Hernandez

SNCO of the Quarter: Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Hanson

CGO of the Quarter: Capt. Matthew Paskin

The November monthly winners are:

Load Crew of the Month:

Crew 37

Staff Sgt. Lowell Callahan

Senior Airman Michael Gordon

Airman 1st Class Sarah Nicholas

Airman 1st Class Gary Revis

Specialist of the Month:

Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Warmbold

Dedicated Crew Chiefs of the Month:

Tech. Sgt. Bradley Glenn

Staff Sgt. Carlos Sanchez and the crew of aircraft 6098

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Defense Department resumes anthrax program after federal court ruling

By **Gerry Gilmore**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- A federal judge ruled Jan. 7 that the Department of Defense could once again legally administer anthrax immunizations to servicemembers.

Dyess health officials will resume administering anthrax immunizations at 3:30 p.m. today in the immunization clinic on the first floor of the Dyess clinic.

“(Military commanders) should immediately resume the anthrax vaccination program,” wrote Dr. David S.C. Chu, DoD personnel chief, in a department-wide memorandum.

The department’s anthrax vaccine immunization program had been suspended since Dec. 23, after an injunction granted the previous day by the U.S. District Court for the

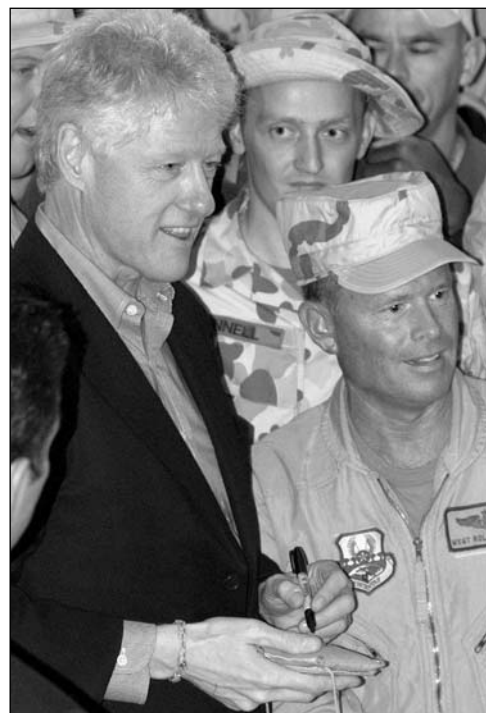
District of Columbia caused the DoD to suspend the program.

The department “remains convinced that the AVIP complies with all legal requirements, and there is now no judicial restraint” on administration of the vaccine, Dr. Chu said.

Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman, Gen. Richard Myers maintain the anthrax vaccine is a safe and necessary prophylactic for U.S. servicemembers deployed in the war against terrorism where enemies may employ biological, chemical or nuclear weapons of mass destruction.

Both Secretary Rumsfeld and General Myers have received anthrax shots.

For more information about anthrax immunizations, call the immunization section of the Dyess clinic at 696-1788.



Senior Airman Lynne Neve

Paying a visit

Former President Bill Clinton greets airmen at a deployed location Monday. The former president spent more than one hour shaking hands, signing mementos and posing for photographs during his visit.



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Airman Aaron Walker

Goodbye Annie

Annie Newman, formerly of the 7th Services Squadron, shares the stage with Col. Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander, during her retirement Tuesday night. Mrs. Newman, head chef at The Heritage Club, retired after 32 years of service to Dyess.

Construction

Privately owned vehicles and government owned vehicles that are not on business related to construction are not allowed in any of the construction zones on base without prior clearance. This includes crossing the road to access a parking lot.

These precautions are made to ensure everyone's safety.

For questions, call Lt. Col. Darren Daniels at 696-2250.

ORI tips

During the Air Combat Command Operational Readiness Inspection next week, comply with the following guidance.

- Ensure all computers are compliant with AFCERT, virus protection, and have password-protected screen savers

- Individuals must ensure they are prepared to process and deploy even if they are not scheduled to participate in the Phase I. At a minimum, the following items should be cross-checked: make sure physical health assessments and dental appointments are current, immunizations are

current, training requirements are accomplished, mobility bag requirements are met to ensure appropriate supplies of clothing and toiletry items, ID Cards have the correct name, are legible and are not delaminated or unserviceable. Line badges must have correct names with a serviceable clip and cannot be delaminated. Dog tags must also have the correct names and chains.

PALACE Envoy position

The military personnel flight is seeking a captain to become the operations officer for the Bilateral Affairs Office of the Office of Defense Cooperation in Georgia, Asia. Nominees should have a high-level of interpersonal skill, maturity and flexibility. Officers must also meet all physical and mental standards of the Air Force. The tour length is 179 days. Any active-duty, Guard or Reserve captain interested must apply by March 14.

For more information, call Ginny Basl at DSN 314-480-8944 or email at virginia.basl@ramstein.af.mil.



Service hours

Medical

Dyess Clinic -- 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

Dining facilities

Longhorn -- Breakfast -- 6 to 8 a.m.; Lunch -- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dinner -- 4 to 7 p.m., Midnight -- 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday to Friday.

Weekends: Breakfast -- 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dinner -- 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Midnight -- 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Fitness

Dyess Fitness Center -- 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Friday; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Customer service

Finance -- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Legal -- 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Walk-ins are 8 to 9 a.m. Fridays.

Notaries, powers of attorney walk-ins are 8 to 9 a.m. Fridays.

Supply -- 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday.

To post hours in the *Peacemaker*, e-mail peacemaker@dyess.af.mil or call 696-4375.

Dyess Chapel



Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass is 9 a.m. Sunday School is 11 a.m. at Dyess Elementary School. Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Protestant: Sunday School begins 9:15 a.m. at Dyess Elementary School. Shared faith worship begins 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts 1 p.m. Sunday. Sunday Night Worship Service begins 4 p.m. A nursery and children's church are available at all services.

Jewish: For information about the times and places of Jewish services, call Capt. Matt Paskin at 829-6149.

For more information, call the chapel at 696-4224.

Thrift shop hours

The Dyess Thrift Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 696-8203.

Observance month committees

The military equal opportunity office is looking for volunteers to join committees for upcoming observance months.

The upcoming months are Black History Month in February, Irish History Month in March, Jewish Observance Month in April and Asian-Pacific Islander Month in May.

They are actively seeking a diversified group of volunteers interested in any or all of the observances.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Melida Edwards at 696-4226.

Position available

The Dyess Airman Leadership School is looking for highly motivated staff sergeants to join their team. The school has several openings in the near future.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Stephanie Powell at 696-3495.

Gospel Fest

The Dyess chapel is hosting a gospel festival at

7 p.m. today at the base chapel. For more information, call 696-4224.

Dyess Toastmasters

The Dyess Toastmasters club's next meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday at The Hangar Center.

The club focuses on developing better speaking and presentation skills, leadership abilities and quick thinking.

All members are welcome.

For more information, call Patrick Clancy at 696-1046.

OSC scholarship

The Dyess Officers' Spouses Club is currently accepting college scholarship applications.

Eligible applicants must be a spouse of an active duty military member or a graduating senior in high school who is a dependent of an active-duty military member or a dependent of a retired or deceased military member.

The OSC will be accepting applications until March 12.

Applications may be picked up at The Heritage Club, The Hangar Center, family support center, Dyess Lanes, the base library, the Dyess Youth Center, First Command Financial Planning Service or an Abilene area high school.

For more information, call Dawn Willis at 698-4018 or Annette Macler at 660-9150.

CALENDAR



Today, Jan. 16, 2004

Quarterly awards luncheon, 11 a.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 696-2868.

Wing round-up, 4 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 696-5054.

Friday night social hour, 5 p.m. at The Heritage Club and Hangar Center.

Pool tournament, 6 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 696-4305.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004

Thunder Alley, 8 p.m. at Dyess Lanes. For more info, call 696-4166.

Late Night, 11 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 696-2405.

Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004

Sunday brunch, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. For more info, call 696-2405.

Monday, Jan. 19, 2004

Intramural bowling, 5:30 p.m. at Dyess Lanes.

For more info, call 696-4166 or your unit sports rep.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004

Tiny Tots reading program, 10 a.m. at the library. For more info, call 696-2618.

Bingo, 7 p.m. at The Hangar Center. For more info, call 696-2405.

Basketball shootout tournament, 4:45 p.m. at the youth center. For more information, call 696-4797.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004

Air Combat Command Operational Readiness Inspection begins

Dyess Toastmasters Club meets at 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at The Hangar Center.

Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004

Quarterly Airmen's Birthday Meal, at the Longhorn dining facility.

Asian Buffet, at The Heritage Club.

Upcoming events

Jan. 26 -- Air Combat Command Operational Readiness Inspection ends

Feb. 1 -- Super Bowl party at The Heritage Club and youth center.

PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

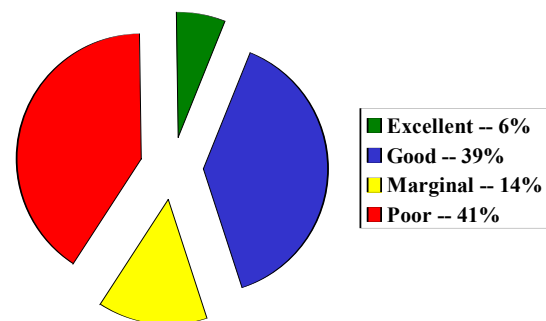
... and cardiovascular health

New AF fitness standards aim for **TOUGHER**, *leaner* force

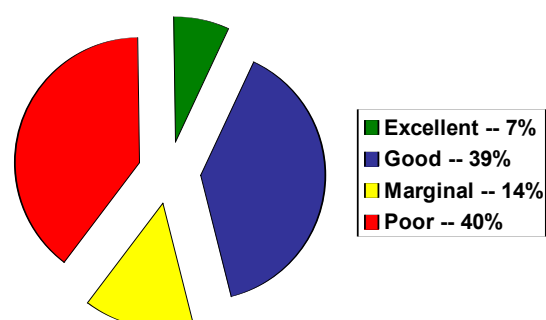
A hefty slice of pie

The Air Force estimated that 30 percent of airmen would fail their first test. Initial results indicate, however, that nearly half the entire force is failing the new fitness test. Here at Dyess, 174 airmen were administered the new Air Force fitness test in a recent study conducted by the Dyess Health and Wellness Center. The study yielded findings displayed in the following graphs and indicated that those older than 30 fared better than those younger than 30.

Dyess Overall



Over 30



Under 30



By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble
Dyess Public Affairs

The coming of the new year brings new resolutions. Resolutions to get in shape, lose weight and stick to an exercise program. Across Dyess, people can be seen jogging in the golden haze of an Abilene sunrise or sunset.

But, the new year also brings new challenges and, just like the West Texas dust flying from an airman's running shoe, the old standards of cycle ergometry have been blown by the way-side.

The Air Force has released instructions on the new fitness standards, and airmen everywhere are preparing themselves for a heightened challenge.

But are airmen preparing themselves correctly? The new standards and fitness test require strength as well as endurance to pass, and the change has many people wondering how they should adjust their exercise regimen.

"People need to realize that the push-ups and sit-ups are an integral part of the new fitness test," said Byron Black, Dyess Health and Wellness Center fitness program manager. "The new test measures aerobic as well as muscular endurance fitness."

The new test allots points for performance in push-ups, sit-ups, a waist tape measurement and a timed 1.5-mile run. Getting the maximum allowable points for the run and the taping alone will only result in a score of 80, Mr. Black said.

Mr. Black recommends adjustment to one's lifestyle to meet the new standards rather than overhaul. Radical, sudden change to workouts can cause more harm than good, he said. He also stressed that the old standard of exercising "three times per week, 30 minutes per session" is only a maintenance program, not designed to



courtesy photo

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper finishes the 1.5-mile run for his fitness evaluation Jan. 7 at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

improve one's fitness level.

People should exercise four to five times per week for at least 30 minutes a session, according to base health officials.

"The first 20 minutes is just to get your heart rate up, then the last 10 minutes is the real workout," Mr. Black said. "It is the equivalent of boiling water: It takes time to heat it to the point some water boils off. But if you turn off the heat the instant the water starts steaming,

you're not really accomplishing anything."

To prepare for the run, officials recommend beginners walk for 30 seconds, then jog for 30 seconds. More advanced exercisers should jog for 30 seconds then run for 30 seconds. Officials also recommend training for a distance greater than the 1.5 mile minimum.

"Minimal effort yields minimal result," Mr. Black said.

Finally, health officials remind that proper nutrition is crucial to overall health and fitness. Experts recommend against "crash dieting," and even urge against diets in general.

"Your body is lazy, so when you diet, your body dips primarily into its water and muscle stores, which are more easily converted into energy," Mr. Black said. "You're basically cannibalizing yourself. The wisest thing to do is not diet, but simply make healthier eating choices."

Mr. Black says the best way to lose weight is through aerobic exercise four to five times a week for at least 30 minutes a session. Officials also remind that strength training has a positive effect on total body-fat measurements since muscle tissue requires energy to maintain.

Knowing some people may say they just don't have the time to exercise as often as experts recommend, Mr. Black suggested math as the answer.

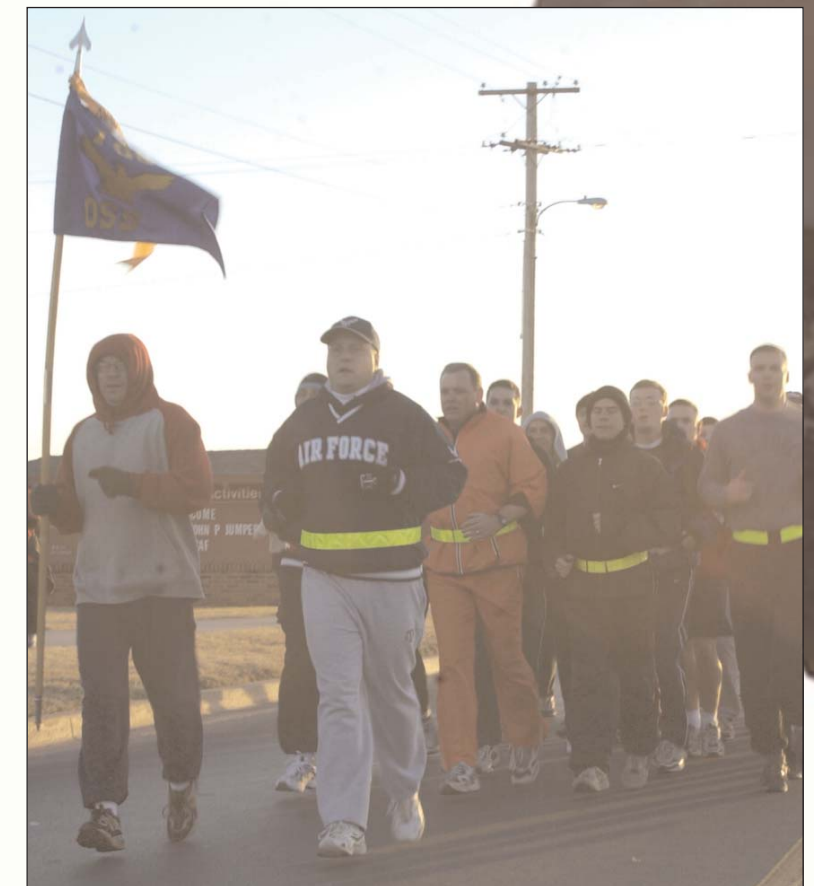
"Sit down and truly examine your day," he said. "You'd be surprised how much time you really have if you use it wisely."

Finally, Mr. Black stressed it is important to remember to be patient.

"Don't set unrealistic expectations," Mr. Black said. "All change takes time."

Maj. Michael Eaton, 39th Airlift Squadron director of operations, leads the 39th during the Commander's 5-kilometer Fun Run Jan. 9. People from across Dyess braved low temperatures as they jogged, marking the emergence of the new Air Force fitness standards.

Below: Members of the 7th Operations Support Squadron build camaraderie and team spirit during the Fun Run.



Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds



F A C T S

Standard fast-food hamburger: 710 calories
Standard medium-serving of french fries: 360 calories
Standard medium-sized soda beverage: 230 calories

1 pound of fat weight on a human being is equal to 3,500 calories.

Standard fast-food meal
TOTAL CALORIES: 1,300

The Federal Food and Drug Administration recommends a 2,000 calorie diet. Your diet may vary depending on your caloric needs.



The BIG Screen

The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card but may sponsor guests. Unless otherwise noted, all movies begin at 7 p.m. Admission for adults is \$2, children 6-12 years old is 99 cents, and children ages 6 and younger are admitted free. G-rated movies are 99 cents for kids ages 2-12.

Friday

The Haunted Mansion --
Eddie Murphy -- Jim Evers (Eddie Murphy) is a real estate agent who hopes to make a deal to acquire the Gracey mansion. When he arrives, he finds that he's not alone -- the 999 ghosts that haunt the place come out. The ghosts won't leave until their unfinished business is completed, and it's up to Jim to break the curse before the clock strikes 13.

Rated PG (*frightening images, thematic elements and language*)

Saturday

The Haunted Mansion --
2 p.m.

Love Don't Cost a Thing --
Nick Cannon -- Alvin (Nick Cannon) is a nerdy teenager who seizes an opportunity when a popular cheerleader wrecks her parents' car and is strapped for cash. Alvin pays the cheerleader to pose as his girlfriend in the hopes of raising his social status.

Rated PG-13 (*sexual content and humor*)

Pool tournament

A double elimination pool tournament will be held at the community center at 6 p.m. today.

The entry fee is \$3.

For more information, call 696-4305.

Social Hour

The Heritage Club and Hangar Center host a social hour every Friday night for club members. Complimentary snacks and bar bingo are available.

For more information, call 696-2405.

Tickets

The information, tickets and travel office now has Dallas Stars and San Antonio Spurs tickets available.

Special rates are now being offered for cruises. Dates and prices may vary.

For more information, call 696-5207.

Art classes

The Crafter's Haven skills development center is providing free

impromptu art classes Tuesday and Thursday.

Classes will cover a variety of art education such as figure drawing, portraiture and the basics of watercolor. Classes are free but supplies must be purchased separately.

For more information, call 696-4175.

Junior members

The Heritage Club now has junior memberships available.

Open to children 10 years old and younger. It features a kiddie brunch on the second and last Sunday of each month.

For more information, call 696-2405.

Super Bowl Party

The Hangar Center will hold a Super Bowl XXXVIII party, Feb. 1.

The party will feature prizes given each quarter, a mini buffet and drink specials.

The party is open to all ranks. Admission is \$7. Club members get in free.

For more information, call 696-4305.

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